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U.S.Dept. of Energy Funding Opportunities



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Upcoming Events:

Energy Independence Summit 2016, February 7-10, 2016, Washington, DC.

Be part of the nation's "premier clean transportation policy summit," hosted by Transportation Energy Partners. For more information, visit: www.transportationenergypartners.org/.

<u>City of Keene Presents Southwest Transportation Meeting, March 24, 2016, Keene, NH.</u>

Don't miss *the* transportation workshop in southwestern New Hampshire. This day-long meeting will feature presentations from area fleet managers, and experts on petroleum reduction strategies. **Click here to RSVP!**

The Work Truck Show/GreenTruck Summit, March 1-4, 2016, Indianapolis, IN.

Free passes are available to GSCCC stakeholders. To get your FREE PASS to the show **click here**.

<u>The Green Transportation Summit and Expo, April 5-7, 2016, Tacoma Washington.</u>

To register, visit **gtsummitexpo.com**.

<u>New Hampshire Celebrates DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK!</u> September 17, 2016, Concord, NH.

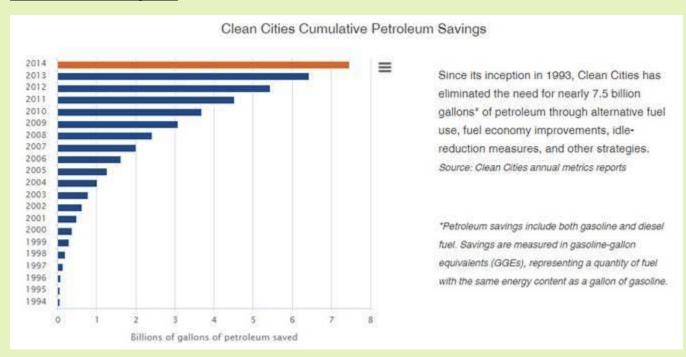
More information to follow.





2015 Annual Report

Get that survey in!



If you haven't already done so, please get your survey in to me.

Once submitted, you will receive a statement of "gallons of petroleum reduced" as well as "tons of greenhouse gases reduced" by your efforts.

If you haven't received the questionnaire, you can access it online (for printout) by **clicking here**.

Funding Opportunities:

New Hampshire Clean Diesel Program.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has funds available through the

Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program (DERA) for diesel fueled equipment owners in New Hampshire. The program seeks to reduce diesel emissions through a variety of activities including engine modifications and vehicle and engine replacements. Projects can receive 25-100% of the project cost. Click here for the pre-application.

Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Rebates.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and Granite State Clean Cities Coalition announce the return of rebates to support the installation of new electric vehicle charging stations (aka electric vehicle supply equipment, or *EVSE*) in New Hampshire.

The rebate program is designed to support development of charging stations throughout New Hampshire and connect to charging corridors in neighboring states. Areas of deployment include the I-89 and I-93 corridors, with "DC fast chargers" being a priority. Applications for "Level 2" chargers and chargers located on other major arterials will also be considered.

The rebate program will be available for "Level 2" charging equipment (maximum paid out: \$5,000) and "DC fast charging" (maximum paid out: \$25,000). NHDES will reimburse up to 75% of eligible project costs. Charging stations must be publicly accessible at all times. Project must be completed and the station in service by June 15, 2016. All rebates must be pre-approved and are subject to certain eligibility criteria.

Click here for program guidance and a pre-approval application form.

Funding for the rebate program is through the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning using US Department of Energy funds. A total of \$25,000 is available for fiscal year 2016.

News of Interest:

Northern Stars Awards.

Northern Stars is an award program hosted by the Clean Cities Coalitions of the Northeast designed to recognize stakeholders that demonstrate a strong commitment to reducing their petroleum consumption through various practices. **Nominations for the 2016 awards are now being accepted.**



There are two award categories: *Northern Star* and *Rising Star*. To find out more about the program <u>click here</u>. Contact Dolores Rebolledo to submit a nomination (**Dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov**).

ACEEE Releases Annual Environmental Ratings for Cars (taken from the January 27, 2016 NACAA newsletter)

Electric vehicles took nine of the top 12 spots on the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's (ACEEE) Model Year 2016 "Greenest List." ACEEE's 19th annual compilation of environmental ratings for vehicles identifies the "Greenest" and the "Meanest" as well as a selection of "Greener" choices. To rate the vehicles, ACEEE analyzes EPA- and CARB-reported test results for fuel economy and emissions as well as other specifications reported by the automobile manufacturers. The group then estimates pollution from vehicle manufacturing, fuel production and distribution and vehicle tailpipes, assessing air pollutants including nitrogen oxides, fine particulate matter, hydrocarbons and others based on the health problems attributed to each. Greenhouse gases are then factored in. The combination of all these considerations leads to a Green Score ranging from zero to 100. Topping the "Greenest" list this year is the Mercedes-Benz Smart ForTwo Electric Drive Convertible and Coupe and the Chevrolet Spark EV, each with a score of 63. These were followed by the Fiat 500E (score of 62) and Toyota Prius ECO, Volkswagen E-Golf and Nissan Leaf S/Leaf SV (each with a score of 61). Mercedes-Benz also topped the "Meanest" list, earning a score of 20. For further information, visit: http://aceee.org/press/2016/01/more-electric-cars-ever-greenest.

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